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On March 30, 1884 a group of explorers were mapping out the caves in and around Lookout Mountain. While doing so, they were frightened by the sound of deep groans coming from dark cavity on one side of the main cave. When they followed to the sound of the groans they found two men that looked at though they were dying of starvation. Later it was revealed that the two men had entered the cave 13 days earlier with a lantern and an extra bottle of oil. While exploring deep into the cave, the leader fell breaking the bottle of oil and dropping the lantern off a cliff into a body of water below. They tried in vain to feel their way to the entrance of the cave and eventually in exhaustion and hunger laid down resolved to certain death. Yet in the last Charley Gower and Chris Schmitzins were rescued. They were brought out of that cave of death. You know there are many a person that although not blinded by the dark

1. Realize the Rule of the Grave (Isaiah 66:13)
Charley Gower and Chris Schmitzins were trapped in a grave that they could not escape. On their own they could not

find a way out. So is the case with man and death.

A. Death can not be Bribe (Vs. 6-9) In these verses the psalmist points out that no matter what riches a man may possess he can not repay or redeem the soul of another. Vs. 8-9. The cost of eternal life is too high. ② 1 Peter 1:18. No amount of riches or works can bribe death & hell. ③ Eccl 18:4 Rom 6:23 Jesus himself said in Matt 16:26. This death demands a payment that you and I cannot afford. It demands a perfect sinless substitute that we can not produce.

B. Death can not be Beat (Vs. 10-13) - The inward thought is that they will live forever. don't that the way of it. We don't expect to die. Charley Gomer and Chris Schmitzins did not know that their holiday expedition would turn out to be their death. No body expects to die yet go to the hospital and see just how fragile life really is. Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed. Once. No second chances! I Shot to get it right ④ Sam 14:14. Some call stunts death defying. ^{source} ^{defying}

II. Receive the Redemption as a Gift (Vs. 15a) You can't bribe death, You can't beat death. But God can! God interrupts our death. But God will redeem my soul. Just as

1) ...by the darkness of a cave or lost in the narrow passages of a cavern, yet are doomed to a similar yet more horrifying fate than they. The fate of eternal death and everlasting Hell. But just as we today can recount the story of these two lost explorers and rejoice in their miraculous rescue, so can each and every one of us be rescued from the clutches of the icy grip of death and the raging torment of Hell. You see, every one of us can hold verse 15 of Psalm 49 as our own personal relief by following the three instructions laid out for us in this text.

2) **1 Peter 1:18** Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

3) **Ezekiel 18:4** Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die. **Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Matthew 16:26** For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

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1) **1 Peter 1:18-19** Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

2) **1 John 2:1-2** ...we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.
3) ...they in pride don't want anyone to pay their way for them. It's not until the others humbly resign to let one pay for all that the debt is cleared. You must receive that this blood payment on the cross was for your sins. Then and only then will you be acquitted of the debt. Never to be charged again.

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These explorers interrupted their death so God can
A. An Available Gift (Vs 15a) "God will"

The psalmist confidently announces that his fate will not be that of the others in the text. No God will "redeem". This leads us to believe that the redemption price that no man can meet, God can meet! The just and righteous demand of punishment on sin that God require of each of us are met by God in Christ! 1 Peter 1:18

B. An Acquiring Gift (Vs 15a) "redeem" - The word redeem means to ransom or to buy God by the blood of His dear Son, paid the redemption price for all mankind. 15n 2:1-5 There is enough ransom to redeem the whole whosoever world. But that payment must be humbly received by us as for us. Ever been in restaurant seen grateful ladies... Break out cantaloupes... Mean wrestle for clock

C. An Acquiring Gift (Vs 15a) "my soul"
Slave traders could traffic, buy and sell the bodies of people but never their soul. For to possess one's soul is to possess the whole person. Slave owners may possess a body but can not possess a soul. But God's redemption payment means that we are completely his. That he is Lord. That he is owner ^{of all of me.} and possessor

III. Rely on the Reception of Grace (Vs 15)

I think this is the most wonderful thought concerning salvation in the Bible. We who were by sin rejected by God and

handed over to death & hell for Judgment are now

A. A Paternal Reception (Vs 15b) - We are received by a loving Father. In much of family life today, the father is missing. Many today know nothing of what it means to have a loving Father. But no matter what kind of reception your earthly father give you, it can not be compared to that of the Heavenly father. The sweetest words in the disciples prayer "Our Father who art in heaven" John 1:12 The reception of the psalmist here can be pictured as the reception of the Patriarch's father and his wayward son. ^{to meet} ~~Receiving~~

B. An Eternal Reception (Vs 15b) - Let's not forget the context of this chapter of a verse is against the black velvet darkness of death. Upon reception of the Lord Jesus as our saviour not only are we received here and now but also in the hereafter. Yes, having the rapture of the church, each and every one of us will die. Our bodies placed in the Grave. Yet our soul & spirit will be with him. 2 Cor 5:8

Those that refuse Christ's redemption in Hell they lift up their eyes. But for those that are His John 14:19

IV. Closing - What was it that brought about the rescue of our two explorers, the Groaning cry for Help! Jesus is here by his spirit seeking to save the lost. Cry out to Him Rom 10:13. Receive the Blood of Cross for you.

1) ...are now received, welcomed, embraced by merits of Jesus Christ. We who were defiled in our standing, sinful in our actions and depraved in our nature are now received by a righteous and holy yet merciful and gracious God!

2) **John 1:12** But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. **2 Corinthians 6:17-18** Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. **Galatians 3:26** For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. **1 John 3:1** Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

3) **2 Corinthians 5:8** We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

4) **John 14:2-3** *In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.* We also have hope of resurrection. Our corruptible bodies shall be raised and as Job said it : Job 19:26 And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: